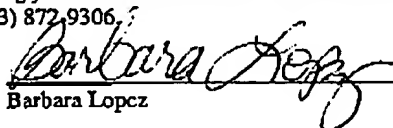


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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
FROM THE OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response to the Office action dated August 27, 2003 for 3 month(s) from November 27, 2003 to February 27, 2004.

The fee for extension of time required by 37 CFR § 1.17 is calculated below.

CALCULATION OF FEE			
LENGTH OF EXTENSION	SMALL ENTITY	LARGE ENTITY	FEE
WITHIN FIRST MONTH	\$ 55	\$ 110	\$0
WITHIN SECOND MONTH	\$ 210	\$ 420	\$0
WITHIN THIRD MONTH	\$ 475	\$ 950	\$475
WITHIN FOURTH MONTH	\$ 740	\$1480	\$0
WITHIN FIFTH MONTH	\$1005	\$2010	\$0

Total Fee of \$475.00 is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 03-1728 (37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17).

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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